



MODAL AUXILIARIES / DEFECTIVE VERBS
CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO, MAY, & MIGHT

	REGULAR / IRREGULAR VERBS	MODAL AUXILIARIES / DEFECTIVE VERBS:	
		NEVER	INSTEAD
'CONJUGATION'	To speak: speak - spoke - spoken	To can: can - could - could	To be able to: can - could - been able to
	To look: look - looked - looked		
PRESENT SIMPLE (3 RD PERSON SING.)	She looks concerned.	She can s be concerned.	She can be concerned.
AFFIRMATIVE	I want to speak to her.	I can to speak to her.	I can speak to her.
NEGATIVE	I don't want to speak to her.	I don't can to speak to her.	I can't/cannot speak to her.
INTERROGATIVE AFFIRMATIVE	Do you speak English?	Do you can speak English?	Can you speak English?
INTERROGATIVE NEGATIVE	Don't you speak English?	Don't you can speak English?	Can't/ Cannot you speak English?

	REGULAR / IRREGULAR VERBS	CAN
PRESENT	I like to do it.	I can do it.
WILL	I will like to do it.	I will be able to do it.
WOULD	I would like to do it.	I would be able to do it.

MODAL AUXILIARIES TABLE-"PODER"

Whenever you 'translate,' you shall consider the following items in the specified order:

- 1st.- **Aspect:** Capacity, Probability (**poder**); Obligation, Advice/Logical expectation/Desirability/Moral Obligation (**deber**).
- 2nd.- **Time:** Present, Past, Future.
- 3rd.- **Verb Tense:** Perfect Conditional, Simple Past, Simple Present, Simple Future, Simple Conditional
- 4th.- **Meaning:** puede, pudo, podría, puede que...

Please analyze Modal Auxiliaries Table for "Poder" on next page.



PODER

[CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO, MAY, & MIGHT]
(Capacity vs. Possibility - & Permission)

TIME:	PAST		PRESENT	FUTURE		ASPECT (1 st item)
TENSE (3 rd item)	PERFECT CONDITIONAL	SIMPLE PAST	SIMPLE PRESENT	SIMPLE FUTURE	SIMPLE CONDITIONAL	
IDEA:	Impossible Action	Finished Action	Present Action	Future Action	Hypothetical Action	
AFFIRMATIVE	I would have been able to do it.	I could do it. I managed to do it. I was able to do it.	I can do it. I manage to do it. I am able to do it.	I will can do it. I will be able to do it.	I would can do it. I would be able to do it.	CAPACITY
TRANSLATION (2nd item):	Podría haberlo hecho. (si hubiera estado... -pero no lo hice-)	Pude hacerlo. (y lo hice)	Puedo hacerlo. Puede que lo haga.	Podré hacerlo	Podría hacerlo	
AFFIRMATIVE	I <u>could</u> have done it. I <u>might</u> have done it.	N/A	I <u>may</u> do it.	I <u>could</u> do it. I <u>might</u> do it.		POSSIBILITY
TRANSLATION (2nd item):	Podría haberlo hecho. (pero no lo hice ni lo pude lograr)	N/A	Puede que lo haga.	Podría hacerlo.		
AFFIRMATIVE (3rd PERSON SINGULAR)	She would have been able to do it.	She could do it. She was able to do it.	She can do it. She is able to do it.	She will can do it. She will be able to do it.	She would can do it. She would be able to do it.	CAPACITY
NEGATIVE	I wouldn't have been able to do it.	I <u>couldn't</u> do it. I wasn't able to do it.	I can't do it, OR I cannot do it. I'm not able to do it.	I won't can do it. I won't be able to do it.	I wouldn't can do it. I wouldn't be able to do it.	INCAPACITY
	I <u>couldn't</u> have done it. I <u>might not</u> have done it.	N/A	I <u>may not</u> do it.	I <u>couldn't</u> do it. I <u>might not</u> do it.		IMPOSSIBILITY
INTERROGATIVE AFFIRMATIVE	Could I do it? Was I able to have done it?	Could I do it? Was I able to do it?	Can I do it? Am I able to do it?	Will I can do it? Will I be able to do it?	Would I be able to do it?	CAPACITY
	<u>Could</u> I have done it? <u>Might</u> I have done it?	N/A	<u>May</u> I do it? (PERMISSION)	<u>Could</u> I do it? <u>Might</u> I do it? (PERMISSION)		POSSIBILITY & PERMISSION
INTERROGATIVE NEGATIVE	Wasn't I able to have done it?	Couldn't I do it? Wasn't I able to do it?	Can't I do it? Cannot I do it? Aren't I able to do it?	Won't I can do it? Won't I be able to do it?	Wouldn't I be able to do it?	CAPACITY
	<u>Couldn't</u> I have done it? <u>Mightn't</u> I have done it?	N/A	<u>May not</u> I do it? <u>May</u> I do it (or not)?	<u>Couldn't</u> I do it? <u>Mightn't</u> I do it?		POSSIBILITY